

WATCHFUL HOPING IS MEDIATORS' MOTTO

PEACE PROGRAM BEGINS TO TAKE DEFINITE SHAPE

Arbitrators Expected to Make Definite Statement of Progress—Still Hopeful of Success in Mediation—Ask to Modify Ultimatum.

Carranza Still Refuses to Agree to Armistice, But This Will Not Prevent Agreement.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The American-Mexican program was beginning to take definite shape today. It was expected the arbitrators would issue a statement soon, telling what progress they have made. They were said to be hopeful.

So far as the dispute between the Washington and Mexico City governments were concerned, even Brazilian Ambassador Da Gama, who was pessimistic at first, was understood to have come over to the view that success will crown the mediation efforts eventually. General Carranza was a more difficult proposition. He has accepted "mediation in principle," but declined to stop fighting until the rebels capture Mexico City.

Ask Wilson to Retreat The powers were reported to have hinted unofficially that it would be magnanimous in President Wilson to withdraw his ultimatum that "Huerta must go." Members of the diplomatic corps here were said to have expressed the opinion that his position is impossible and that he must shortly be eliminated automatically, even if the Washington administration does not insist on it.

General Carranza still refuses to agree to an armistice, but it was stated this need not prevent an agreement between Washington and Mexico City.

Plans were made for a national funeral for the Americans killed at Vera Cruz.

General Funston assumed supreme authority at Vera Cruz, civil Governor Kerr retiring.

The Vera Cruz unconfirmed rumor had it that Mrs. Clara Beckmeyer, a German, was mistaken for an American and killed by a mob in Mexico City, April 27.

Reports Prove False Tampico federals and rebels promised to protect foreign oil property there, and fighting was suspended.

E. B. Emery, an Englishman, held for ransom at Zatecas, was released.

Reports that the federals had set fire to Saltillo and abandoned it proved unfounded.

General Carranza planned to ask Secretary Bryan to withdraw his advice to Americans to leave northern Mexico, saying they were cordially welcome there.

HUERTA FORCES ATTACK WATER SUPPLY GUARDS

VERA CRUZ, May 2.—Five hundred federals, trying to cut the Vera Cruz water supply, attacked American troops on guard over the water plant this afternoon. General Funston rushed a detachment from headquarters to re-inforce them.

HIGGINS TO SUCCEED SMITH, HEALTH BOARD

SALEM, Or., May 2.—Governor West today appointed Dr. Thomas J. Higgins of Baker a member of the state board of health to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. C. J. Smith, gubernatorial candidate.

CLAYTON APPOINTED UNITED STATES JUDGE FOR ALABAMA



HENRY D. CLAYTON

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The nomination of former United States Senator Henry Clayton to be United States district judge for the middle and northern districts of Alabama was announced here today.

STRIKE BREAKERS BURNED TO DEATH IN MINE BLAZE

DENVER, Colo., May 2.—Advice received here shortly before noon by Governor Ammons said that Judson Snow and Bob Doggett were cremated early today in a fire which destroyed two frame buildings at Oak creek, in Routt county. Snow and Doggett were employed as strikebreakers.

Strikebreakers charge the buildings were fired by striking coal miners, but this was denied by union leaders. Feeling was said to be running high at Oak creek and Sheriff Chivington and several deputies were rushed there in automobiles to preserve order.

Commenting on the proclamation from Washington ordering all Colorado civilians to lay down their arms, Frank Groves, one of the operators' attorneys, said:

"Secretary Garrison's proclamation was very welcome. We offered to disarm the guards yesterday. We have never wanted to kill anybody."

District President John McLannan of the United Mineworkers of America said:

"We are more than pleased with the proclamation. We have always contended that if the guards were unarmed we would never need any arms. We are ready to surrender all of our weapons when the guards are."

SIBERIA IS SAFE WRECK STORY DUE TO WIRELESS ERROR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 2.—Officials of the Pacific Mail Steamship company were glad today when they could express today on hearing that their big liner Siberia was not a wreck off the south coast of Formosa. They were not by any means satisfied with explanations of the error. If they had had the authority to arrange it, there was no doubt there would have been a position open for a new wireless operator at the Ozeanaki station in Japan, whence the story of the Siberia's calls for aid emanated.

The explanation that the operator must have mistaken an "M. B. S." call, which was simply the Siberia's private signal to the Persia, another Pacific Mail liner, for "S. O. S.," which means "Save our ship," or words to that effect, was all very well as far as it went.

It did not account, however, for Ozeanaki station's announcement that the message had been picked up on the Formosan coast also and by ships in Formosan waters. Neither did it make it clear how the operator got the Siberia's position—presumably a wrong position, too, for it was out of the regular course between Nagasaki and Manila.

All these things the Pacific Mail officials wanted to know more about. They promised a thorough investigation.

WILSON ORDERS DISARMAMENT IN STRIKE ZONE

President Issues Proclamation Summoning Everyone in Colorado Mining Field Who Possesses Arms to Surrender Them to Troops

Time Limit to Be Set and Boundaries of District to Be Fixed—Both Sides Express Satisfaction.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Wilson ordered the complete disarmament of all civilians in the Colorado strike districts.

The order was issued through Secretary of War Garrison, who issued a proclamation summoning everyone in the strike zone who possesses arms or ammunition to surrender them to the federal troops there.

The proclamation was couched in imperative military language. It was taken to apply to strikers and mine guards but not to the militia. The actual wording was: "All persons not belonging to the military forces."

Receipts were promised for the arms and munitions surrendered and this promise was the only pledge even implied that they would ever be returned.

It was stated that a time limit will be set within which the order must be complied with as dates will be designated where the regulars will receive weapons and munitions.

Hywell Davies, the eastern mineowner, and William Farley, a United Mine-Workers' official, whom Secretary of Labor Wilson chose to negotiate for a settlement of the Colorado strike were still undecided when to leave for the scene of their prospective labors. It was reported they were delaying in the hope that the Rockefeller interests would make concessions.

CARRANZA DELAYS MEDIATION PLANS BY TARDY REPLY

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Brazilian Ambassador Da Gama assured Secretary of State Bryan today that even should General Carranza refuse to agree to an armistice in Mexico, the mediators do not consider that plans for an amicable settlement between the Mexico City and Washington governments need be upset. He agreed that their work was yet in the preliminary stage and admitted that they were delaying in the hope of hearing further and more favorably from Carranza. Then he went into conference again with the other envoys.

FIVE-INCH MACHINE GUN IN USE BY MARINES AT VERA CRUZ OUTPOSTS TO BLOCK HUERTA'S FORCES



ROJAS RESIGNS FROM PRESIDENT HUERTA'S CABINET

VERA CRUZ, May 2.—Announcement that Foreign Minister Rojas has resigned from President Huerta's cabinet was taken here today as confirmation of reports that formidable opposition to the dictator is developing in Mexico City.

It was understood that Rojas thought the American flag ought to be saluted and favored sending a commission to Washington to endeavor to settle his country's differences with the United States. Apparently he was so insistent on this that he angered Huerta. At any rate the latter asked for his resignation yesterday afternoon.

In accordance with Secretary of War Garrison's order, General Funston was in absolute charge here today. Civil Governor Kerr and the other civil authorities retiring.

The Mexican city council last night suggested the prohibition of bull-fights and the signing of an order to that effect was Kerr's last official act.

SALTILLO EVACUATION PROVES UNFOUNDED

EL PASO, Tex., May 2.—Reports that the federals had set Saltillo on fire and evacuated it proved unfounded today.

Stories of the evacuation were attributed to the transfer, said to have taken place, of a detachment of the garrison to reinforce the federal force at Tampico. It was understood to be still strongly defended, however.

Fighting at Tampico was said to have been suspended, presumably pending the arrival of General Villa's forces to join in the attack.

MOURNING PICKETS AGAIN ON DUTY AT JOHN D'S OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 2.—Crepitated pickets were again on duty today in front of the Rockefeller offices at 26 Broadway.

There seemed to be no doubt that both the oil king and his son were impressed by the feeling shown against them in connection with their attitude toward the Colorado mine strike. John D., Jr., remained in seclusion at Tarrytown. His father played no golf yesterday, though it was an ideal day and the first he has missed being on the links in weeks.

Upton Sinclair, who was released from jail last night after a had changed his mind concerning his refusal to pay a \$3 fine for picketing the Standard Oil company's New York offices, was again among the pickets today with a mourning badge on his sleeve.

Sinclair spoke with approval of the action of a delegation which appeared at the Rockefeller church in New York during services last evening, to present the query:

"Would Jesus uphold John D. Rockefeller's attitude toward the Colorado strike?"

The question was not answered, as the police interfered and the party of questioners left unresistingly.

DEBATE UPON CANAL TOLLS STARTS TODAY

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The debate in the senate on the resolution repealing the exemption clause in the Panama canal tolls bill was expected to start late this afternoon. Senator O'Gorman planned to move for its formal consideration. From three to six weeks debate on the measure was predicted.

NAME MEMBERS RESERVE BOARD WITHIN A WEEK

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Wilson had practically decided today on the personnel of the reserve board under the new currency law, and it was expected he would send his nominations to the senate next week.

The general belief was that the executive's selection would have been announced already but for efforts the administration was making to secure the services of a certain former high government official and famous lawyer for chairman. This individual's name was not mentioned and it was said he had declined thus far to leave private life.

The president has maintained the profoundest secrecy concerning his choice of members of the board. His only confidantes have been Secretaries McAdoo and Houston of the agricultural department.

Nevertheless a rumor was current that one of his selections was Paul Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

BOTH SIDES TO GET JUSTICE WITH OTHER DISARMED

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 2.—"Now we'll get a square deal," was an expression frequently heard today.

Striking coal miners and representatives of the owners alike used it. One of the most hopeful things about the situation was that both sides seemed to welcome the arrival of federal troops.

Major Holbrook, in charge of the regulars in this locality, would not discuss disarmament. "We're not here to settle the strike," he said. "We're here simply to enforce order. We will do that. We won't talk."

"We want protection for our property, that's all," was the comment of a representative of one of the mine-owners. "The state hasn't furnished it. I hope and believe the regulars will make the mine guards unnecessary."

Persons on the street early this morning saw wagons piled with pine boxes lumbering past. They contained victims of the battle between the strikers and militia at Forbes.

RUIZ TO SUCCEED ROJAS IN CABINET

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Official news that Estayo Ruiz had been appointed foreign minister of Mexico, succeeding Jose Rojas, resigned at President Huerta's request, was received here today at the Spanish embassy, which is representing the Mexican government in Washington during the suspension of regular diplomatic relations.

LAUNCHING YACHT TO DEFEND AMERICA'S CUP AND GIRL WHO CHRISTENED HER



LAUNCHING OF THE RESOLUTE

MISS GRACE VANDERBILT

The New York Yacht Club's yacht Resolute, a candidate for the honor of defending the America's Cup, was launched at the Herrshoff's yard at Bristol, R. I. Miss Grace Vanderbilt, daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, christened her.